

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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JOINT VENTURE WITH SINGAPORE
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Indian Airlines Board had approved the formation of a Joint Venture with the Singapore Airport Terminal Services in the area of ground-handling comprising passengers, cargo, ramp and security services at various airports in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has approved the proposed Joint Venture;
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the time by which the decision is likely to be taken in the matter?

Answer

- MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION(SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a) and (b): The Board of Indian Airlines Limited in its 78th meeting held on 30.03.2005 has given an 'in principle' approval and sought information from the Management before the Joint Venture with Singapore Airport Terminal Services (SATS) is considered for final approval.

(c),(d) and (e): The formation of a subsidiary of Indian Airlines Limited for ground handling services is under consideration of the Government. However, the selection of a Joint Venture partner for such services is a matter of commercial judgement of the company.